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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

- 1. For the calendar year of 2025, please could you tell me how many individual MRI examinations were performed overall?**

37,072 MRI examinations were performed during 2025.

- 2. For the calendar year of 2025, please could you give a breakdown of the individual MRI examinations performed into body part/area? For instance, how many brain scans, spine scans etc. I am happy with whichever body part description is input in the PACS system.**

Examination Area	Number of Examinations
Abdomen	8287
Ankle	322
Arm	48
Body	319
Chest	1076
Elbow	71
Feet	406
Forearm	18
Groin	18
Hand	131
Head	12543
Hips	6533
Knee	1189
Legs	326
Lowerlegs	131
Neck	4564
Shoulder	603
Wrist	487
Grand Total	37,072

3. **As of the start of 2026, what would the waiting time be (in weeks) for a routine MRI scan (for example how long would a patient have to wait if they were referred for a routine MRI scan of their knee)?**

The longest wait for a routine MRI scan is 12 weeks.

4. **How much money was paid to private companies during the calendar year 2025 for the outsourcing of MRI either to mobile MRI units, private hospitals or private companies staffing hospital scanners to scan NHS patients?**

£1,036,992.

5. **From question 4 which companies were used and how many patients were scanned?**

Medical Imaging Partnership.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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